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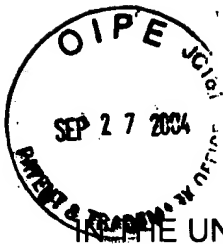
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RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

The Official Action mailed June 24, 2004, has been received and its contents carefully noted. This response is filed within three months of the mailing date of the Official Action and therefore is believed to be timely without extension of time. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicants note with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on December 19, 2001, April 26, 2002, July 5, 2002, July 16, 2002, September 22, 2003, and March 31, 2004. However, it appears that the Examiner inadvertently overlooked the citation of fourteen U.S. Patents on page 1 of 2 of the IDS filed June 29, 2001. As a courtesy to the Examiner, the Applicants attach herewith a copy of page 1 of 2 of the partially considered IDS. Also, the Applicants have not received acknowledgment of the IDS filed on February 17, 2004. The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner provide an initialed copy of the Form